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Applicants:	Hofmann <i>et al.</i>
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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Sir:

This communication is in response to the outstanding Office Communication mailed August 27, 2003, in the above-identified application, having a one-month period for response set to expire Monday, September 29, 2003. Please credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) for consideration by the Examiner, as well as copies each reference.

An Associate Power of Attorney, naming Alysia A. Finnegan (Reg. No. 48,878) is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request the following amendments be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION appear on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 6 of this paper.